

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 156457
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: S/S-O: JGUNDERSON

APPROVED BY: S/W-O: SGOLDSMITH

-----073259 061942Z /44

R 061749Z JUL 77

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO CINCEUR FOR POLAD

UNCLAS STATE 156457

EXDIS MILITARY PLEASE HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOLLOWING REPEAT BEIRUT 3204 ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN CAIRO
DAMASCUS TEL AVIV JULY 6.

QUOTE S E C R E T BEIRUT 3204

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI MOPS LE IS SY

SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION - PHALANGE VIEW

REF: STATE 148797

1. I DISCUSSED SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION WITH PIERRE AND
AMINE GEMAYEL JULY 5 AND RAISED POSSIBILITY OF A CEASE-
FIRE. SHAYKH PIERRE NEVER REALLY FOCUSED ON THE QUESTION,
LAUNCHING INTO BROAD PRESENTATION HIS WELL-KNOWN VIEW
ABOUT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY AND BELIEF THAT
THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN LEBANON UNTIL THE PALESTINIANS
ARE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. HE SAID LEBANON HAD ALREADY
GONE THROUGH 60 CEASEFIRES AND PALESTINIANS SIMPLY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 156457

COULD NOT BE TRUSTED. HE WAS THUS, BY IMPLICATION, NOT
INTERESTED IN A CEASE-FIRE. FURTHER, HE SAID THAT PHALANGE
HAD NO CONTROL OF EVENTS IN THE SOUTH; IN THIS RESPECT
AMINE GEMAYEL OBSERVED THAT ALL EFFORTS BY THE
LEBANESE FRONT FORCES IN THE BEIRUT AREA TO ESTABLISH
COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH THE LEBANESE FORCES IN THE
SOUTH HAD FAILED. AMINE WAS MORE RESPONSIVE THAN HIS

FATHER, HOWEVER, SAYING THAT IF THERE WAS A PULL-BACK OF PALESTINIAN FORCES AND IF AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE OR ARAB FORCE COULD OCCUPY THE VILLAGES THEY LEFT, THEN THE PHALANGE WOULD SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A CEASE-FIRE.

2. COMMENT: IN SHORT, I STRUCK OUT WITH SHAYKH PIERRE. WHILE AMINE'S VIEW IS MORE MODERATE, WHAT HE IS ASKING IS PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW BASHIR GEMAYEL, WHO REALLY CONTROLS THE PHALANGE MILITARY FORCES, HAS TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT. IT IS HIS VIEW THAT WILL COUNT MOST. EMBOFF WILL BE TALKING TO HIM NEXT FEW DAYS. I AM ALSO PLANNING TO LUNCH WITH CAMILLE CHAMOUN JULY 7 AND WILL SOUND HIM OUT ON PROPOSITION. JUDGING BY PAST PERFORMANCE, I THINK HE, LIKE GEMAYEL, WILL ADDUCE PALESTINIAN UNTRUSTWORTHINESS AS RATIONALE FOR NOT TAKING CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL SERIOUSLY. HANI HASSAN, ARAFAT'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR, IS QUOTED BY PRESS THIS MORNING AS SAYING HE HOPED TO MEET CHAMOUN ON SUBJECT AND THAT COMBATTANTS WERE IN NEED OF LEADERS TO SHOW THEM WAY OUT OF IMPASSE. AT MOMENT, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH GEMAYEL AND CHAMOUN MAY PREFER IMPASSE.

PARKER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARMISTICE, PROVINCE, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 06-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE156457
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: O: JGUNDERSON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770240-0053
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770786/aaaacxgl.tel
Line Count: 84
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 1b6e3570-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 STATE 148797
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1948710
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION - PHALANGE VIEW
TAGS: MILI, MOPS, LE, IS, SY, (GEMAYEL, AMINE), (PARKER, RICHARD B), (GEMAYEL, PIERRE)
To: CINCENR FOR POLAD
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/1b6e3570-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009